**The Kite Runner- Khaled Hoseini**

**Summary**

**Chapter 6-10**

In Chapter 6 and 7 it is winter time and school is closed for the season. Amir and Hassan spend their time flying kites. They go to the annual kite flying tournament when boys fly kites that have strings that are covered in broken glass. When a string is cut, the losing kite flies loose, and boys called kite runners chase the kite across the city until it falls. Whoever has the last kite that falls is the winner. Amir wins the tournament this time. Hassan goes to get the fallen kite but doesn’t come back for a while so Amir goes to look for him. He finds Hassan cornered by Assef and his two friends. Amir was going to say something but he just watches and observes his best friend being raped and runs away and doesn’t tell anyone. In Chapter 8, Amir and Hassan spend less time together. Amir turns thirteen and has a party. Baba invites 400 people and Amir has to greet all of them himself. He doesn’t really know any of them because they are all people his father wants to impress. In Chapter 9, Amir opens his present and throws them all in a big pile in the corner of his room. He then takes some of his birthday money and a watch and hides it under Hassan’s mattress. Amir tells his father that Hassan stole those items and Hassan says he did even though he didn’t. Baba says he forgives them and begs them to stay, but Ali and Hassan leave. In Chapter 10, Amir and Baba are in the back of a truck on their way to Pakistan. At some point the truck breaks down and all of the Afghans in the back of the truck have to stay in a basement with other refugees. They then receive another truck and start their journey again.

**Analysis**

I can’t believe that Amir just stood there and watched his friend get raped. How can someone do that to their best friend? Obviously he is not a good friend. If he was, he would’ve said something to the bullies before they raped Hassan. Also, how could Amir put the money and watch under Hassan’s mattress and say that Hassan stole those items from him? Amir is very selfish and needs to stop thinking about his self and start thinking about others more often. I also want to know why Amir and Baba are going to Pakistan. Why did they just leave their good life in Afghanistan?

**Application**

In these chapters of the book, Amir is not a really good friend. He is very selfish and all he thinks about his self at times. He doesn’t stop the bullies from raping Hassan. Obviously Amir is not thinking properly. Also his father is trying to seek perfection by invited 400 guests to his son’s birthday party just to impress them all. He is also being selfish because he only cares about his self when it is his son’s birthday. I don’t understand why they are both so selfish. Their life could be easier if they didn’t think about themselves so much. Hassan and his father leave Amir and Baba because they don’t match socially and they don’t think or see things the same way since they are in different parts of the social spectrum. These characteristics are still around today. People don’t get along because of their social aspects. A lot of people are also very selfish today and only think about themselves.